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May 24, 2012

Angelica Zavala, On-Scene Coordinator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
USEPA, M/S: ECL-116, 1200 Sixth Ave, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Final Trip Report for the McCuthchen Containers Dump
Contract Number EP-S7-06-02-E&E, Technical Direction Document Number 12-05-0001

Dear Ms. Zavala:

Please find enclosed the final Trip Report for the McCuthchen Containers Dump located in Seattle, Washington. If you have any question regarding this submittal, please call Christopher Whitehead at (206) 624-9537 or me at (206) 624-9537.

Sincerely,

ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, INC.

Brad Martin
START-3 Project Leader

cc: Christopher Whitehead, START-3 Project Manager, E & E, Seattle, Washington

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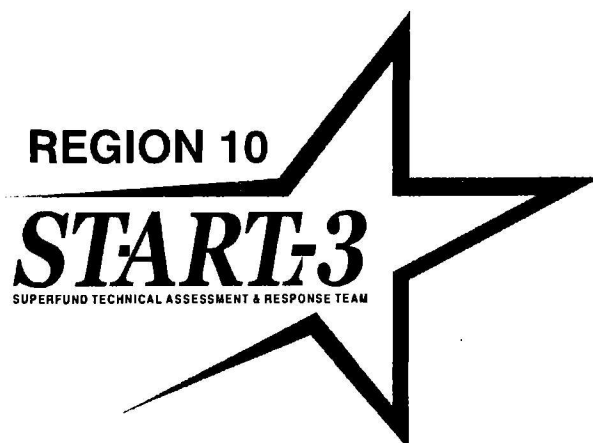


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FINAL TRIP REPORT

**McCuthchen Containers Dump
Seattle, Washington
TDD: 12-05-0001**



Prepared for

U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency,
Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Washington
98101

Prepared by

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1. PLACE VISITED

Site Name: McCuthchen Containers Dump
Owner Name: McCuthchen Group LLC.
Location: 3605 Airport Way South, Seattle, WA 98134
SSID: 10LH CERCLIS ID: WAN001003042
Latitude: 47.571002 Longitude: -122.324133
Date of Trip: May 2, 2012

2. PURPOSE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tasked Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E), under Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contract number EP-S7-06-02, Technical Direction Document number 12-05-0001, to assess a group of abandoned containers containing unknown materials. START was also tasked with conducting minor containment activities and overseeing disposal of the containers, as well as documenting site conditions through logbook entries and photographs (Attachment A).

The purpose of the McCuthchen Containers Dump response was to determine if the abandoned containers at the site presented a hazard to human health or the environment and to arrange for disposal of the containers.

3. PERSONS INVOLVED

Agency/Company	Contact Persons/ Position	Phone Number
United States Environmental Protection Agency	Angelica Zavala – On-Scene Coordinator	(206) 553-6123
Ecology and Environment, Inc.	Christopher Whitehead – Project Manager/Responder	(206) 624-9537
	Eric Nuchims – Site Safety Officer/Responder	(206) 624-9537
Seattle Public Utilities – Spill Response	Brian Robinson - Environmental Compliance Inspector	(206) 684-7587
Skyline Electric and Manufacturing	John Sheleahl	(206) 682-4422

4. BACKGROUND

On May 2, 2012, the EPA Emergency Response Unit (ERU) mobilized On-Scene Coordinator Angelica Zavala and two START contractors to assess a group of abandoned containers containing unknown materials located at 3605 Airport Way South in Seattle, Washington (Figure 2). A notification to Washington State Department of Ecology Spills Program (Ecology) was made by John Sheleahl at Skyline Electric and Manufacturing that abandoned materials had been dumped at his property. Ecology requested EPA assistance to identify and properly dispose of the materials.

5. ACTIVITIES

At approximately 1630 on May 2, 2012, EPA mobilized two START contractors to respond to a group of abandoned containers on a publicly accessible private property in south Seattle. At 1745 START arrived at the scene to assess the condition of the abandoned containers. START determined through visual inspection of product labels and best professional judgment the following substances were present at the site:

- Five (5) 1-gallon metal paint cans
- One (1) 1-gallon plastic jug of used motor oil
- One (1) 1-gallon plastic jug of used hydraulic oil
- One (1) 1-gallon plastic jug of antifreeze
- One (1) 1-gallon plastic jug of muriatic acid
- Two (2) 5-gallon plastic buckets containing used motor oil
- One (1) 5-gallon plastic bucket containing used paint
- One (1) 5-gallon plastic bucket of joint compound

No stained soil was visible in the area around the containers. EPA determined that the containers were not secured and posed a potential threat to human health and the environment. Concerns noted at the site included potential release of the materials as well as spill and splash hazards while handling the materials.

At 1840, OSC Zavala arrived on scene to facilitate proper disposal of the containers. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Spill Response was contacted to see if city services would handle the waste for disposal. While SPU Spill Response was mobilizing to the site, START personnel secured all containers in overpacks or with lids. At 1950, Brian Robinson with SPU Spill Response arrived on-scene and discussed potential city actions to dispose of the waste with OSC Zavala. SPU Spill Response stated his program did not have a mechanism to remove the materials from the site and did not have the authority since the containers were located on private property. Mr. Robinson told OSC Zavala that he would check with the spill response manager to see if they had any other mechanism to remove the containers. START secured the materials to remain at the site while further disposal options were considered. At 2025, all parties departed the site.

On the morning of May 3, Mr. Robinson contacted OSC Zavala to inform her that his program could not remove the containers. He informed OSC Zavala that the containers were not on the Skyline Manufacturing property, but on a neighboring property. The property records listed Holiday Resales as the property owner with no phone number or mailing address; however, the utility billing was listed as Marty Nelson of McCuthchen Group LLC. Mr. Robinson left a message with Mr. Nelson about the situation stating that the material could be disposed through the City transfer station. At approximately 1400, OSC Zavala contacted START and informed them that the oil and other materials could be transported to the King County Household Hazardous Waste facility in south Seattle. START

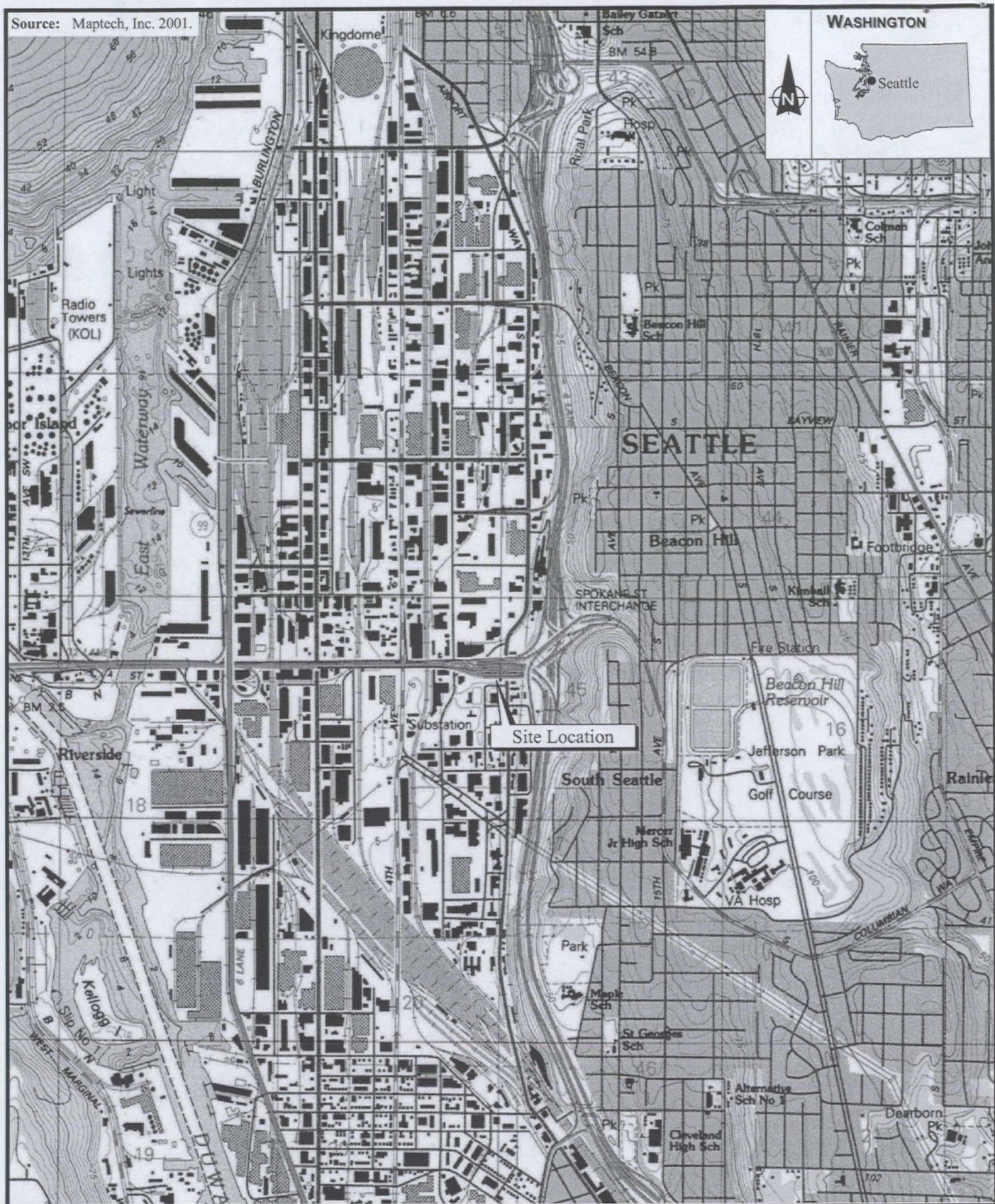
collected and transported the containers to the King County Household Hazardous Waste collection facility for disposal. The King County facility does not accept the latex paints and stated that proper disposal of these wastes consists of solidifying the material with an approved substance, such as cat litter or paint hardener, and disposing of it as non-hazardous waste.

At approximately 1000 on May 4, 2012, START solidified the paints in two 5-gallon buckets using absorbent material and placed the containers in the EPA warehouse solid waste dumpster per the guidance provided by King County. A receipt documenting the transfer of waste to King County is provided in Attachment B.

6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of the EPA and START response to the abandoned containers at the McCuthchen Containers Dump was to assess the condition of the containers and determine if the unknown materials in them presented a potential threat of release. Through visual inspection of container labels, EPA determined that the materials should be disposed of before a release. START segregated the materials into appropriate waste streams and transported the materials to a local household hazardous waste collection facility to await disposal. A total of thirteen containers and approximately twenty gallons of waste was submitted for disposal.

Source: Maptech, Inc. 2001.



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Approximate Scale in Feet

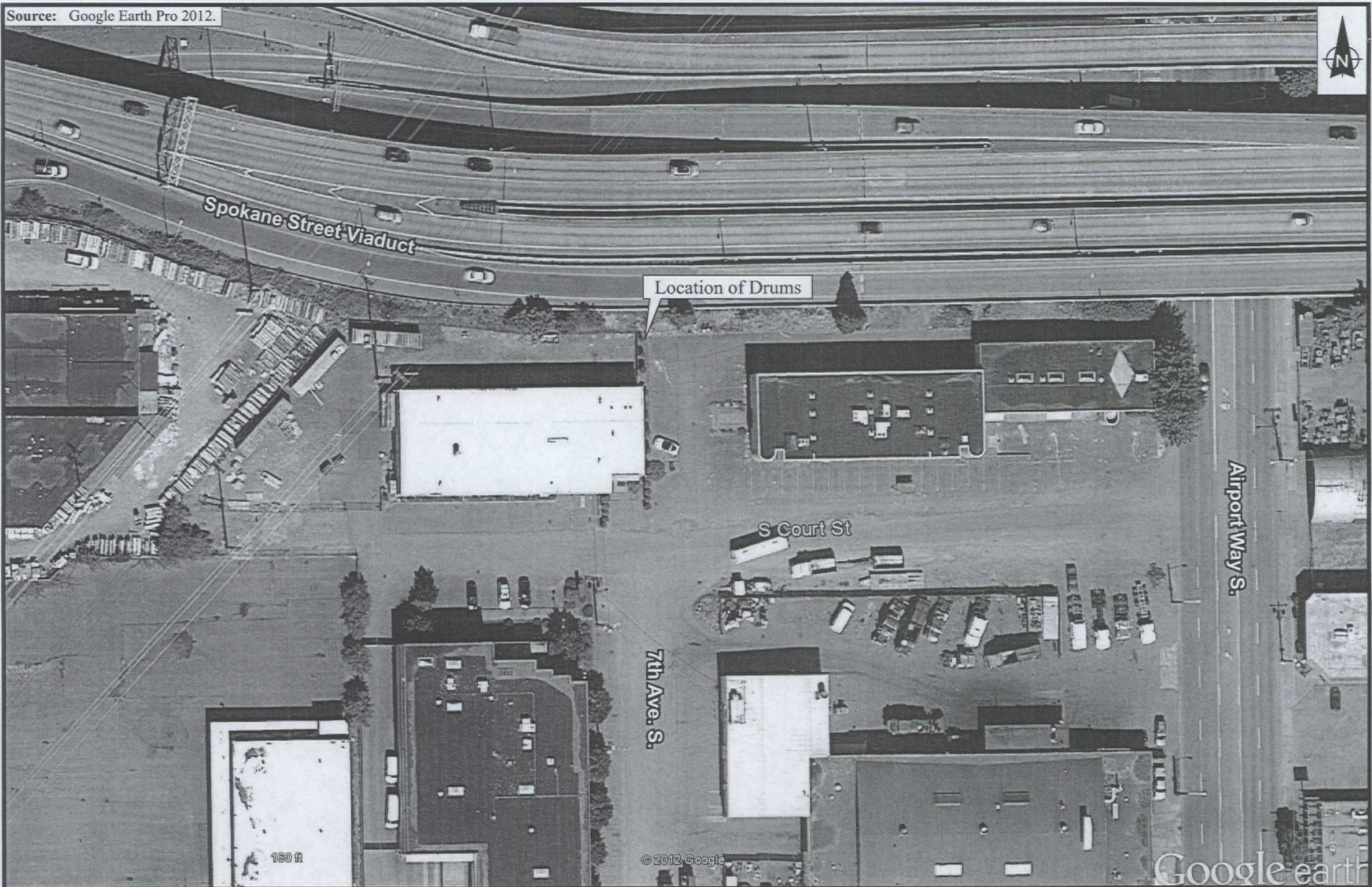
Figure 1
SITE LOCATION MAP

Date:
5-9-12

Drawn by:
AES

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Source: Google Earth Pro 2012.



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ATTACHMENT A

Site Photographs

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MCCUTHCHEN CONTAINERS DUMP
Seattle, Washington

TDD Number: 12-05-0001

Photographed by: Chris Whitehead (CW), Angelica Zavala (AZ)



Photo 1 General setting of abandoned containers identified at the site; South Court Street is visible in the background.

Direction: South Date: 5/2/12 Time: 18:39 Taken by: CW



Photo 2 View of the abandoned containers as they were initially discovered at the site.

Direction: Down Date: 5/3/12 Time: 18:42 Taken by: CW



Photo 3 START responders segregating labeled wastes into containment.

Direction: North Date: 5/3/12 Time: 19:14 Taken by: AZ



Photo 4 Orientation of containers after completion of site activities.

Direction: North Date: 5/3/12 Time: 20:01 Taken by: CW

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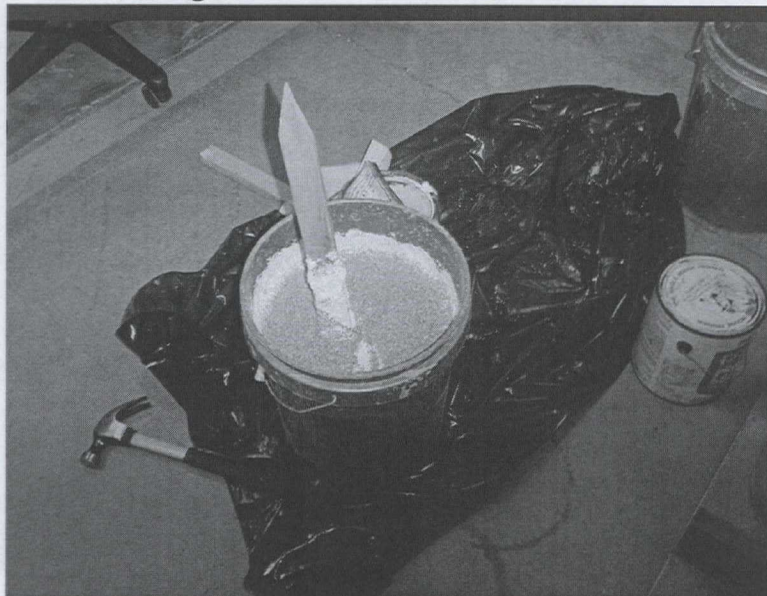


Photo 5 View of paint wastes being inactivated by START personnel.

<i>Direction: Down</i>	<i>Date: 5/5/12</i>	<i>Time: 10:21</i>	<i>Taken by: CW</i>
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ATTACHMENT B

**King County Local Hazardous Waste
Management Program Disposal Form**

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Transport your waste in compliance with Department of Transportation regulations 49 CFR (www.dot.gov)

Collection sites reserve the right to refuse part or all of any waste load brought in for disposal.

BUSINESS DISPOSAL FORM



Local Hazardous Waste
Management Program
in King County, Washington

All information on this form is required for participation.

Please **PRINT** legibly and firmly - You are making multiple copies.

Company: **Marty Nelson McCuthchen Group LLC**

Address: **3605 Airport Way S.** **Seattle** **98134**
Street Location (no P.O. box please) City Zip

Type of Business: _____
(ex. auto repair, nail salon, small appliance repair)

Office Phone Number: **206-816-6850** Owner/Mgr. Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

NOTICE: This program is for King County businesses only that generate less than 220 lbs (or 27 gal) of hazardous waste monthly and less than 2.2 lbs. (1 qt) of certain Extremely Hazardous Wastes, and are Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators under Washington State Department of Ecology Dangerous Waste Regulations (WAC 173-303). For details visit www.lhwmp.org/home/BHW/sqg.aspx or call our Business Waste Line at 206-263-8899.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information I entered on this form is correct.

Name of Driver: **Eric Nuchims**

Vehicle License #: _____

Signature of Driver: _____

Date: **5/3/12**

Businesses should retain a copy of this receipt for a minimum of 5 years as proof of disposal.

Waste Type	How much?	Quantity/Amount (units) (check one for each waste type)	Office use only code quant units
Example Waste Oil	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gallons <input type="checkbox"/> quarts	
Aerosols		items	
Batteries (auto) Limit 5		items	
Batteries (other than auto)		pounds	
Liquid Pesticides		<input type="checkbox"/> gallons <input type="checkbox"/> quarts	
Oil-based paint		<input type="checkbox"/> gallons <input type="checkbox"/> quarts	
Solid Pesticides		pounds	
Used paint thinner/solvent/gasoline		<input type="checkbox"/> gallons <input type="checkbox"/> quarts	
Waste oil	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gallons <input type="checkbox"/> quarts	
Write in other wastes		Write in container/item size for each waste	
Muriatic Acid	1	1 Gallon	
Paint	5	1 Gallon	
Paint	1	5 Gallon	
Waste Oil	2	1 Gallon	
Antifreeze	1	1 Gallon	
Transmission Fluid	1	1 Gallon	
Joint Compound	1	5 Gallon	
Joint Compound	1	1 Gallon	

Staff Only: Waste Received by: **Clyde**

Facility: **SS FS WMB NS**

LHWMP Site Representative

Circle one

WMB City

Total Weight: **160 Lbs**

Service Date: **5/3/12**

Attn: J.M

EPA Emergency Response Team

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Monthly Union Members Meeting , Wednesday, July 18, at Noon in 8B

Steve Roy to:

07/12/2012 10:52 AM

Bcc: Michael Boykin

From: Steve Roy/R10/USEPA/US
To:
Bcc: Michael Boykin/R10/USEPA/US

Dear Colleagues:

Our regularly scheduled monthly members meeting will be held in Conference Room 8B at Noon Seattle time on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. For those of you located outside of Seattle, please call 1-866-299-3188 and then enter the conference code 2065531918.

The Union will be providing food (PIZZA) at the meeting. Please plan to attend.

**July 18, 2012
Union Members Meeting Agenda**

Roll Call of Officers

Reading of the minutes

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- **Local Labor-Management Partnership Forums (WED and Region 10) - Update on our Activities**

New Business

- **Representational Work**

Committees Reports

- **Move Action Teams Update - Park Place Building (on hold) and IOO Move to the Banner Bank Building (Moved July 12/13)**

Comments for the good of the Local

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